

*belonging, mastery, independence, generosity*



## Wyoming 4-H Philosophy

# Sponsor or Endorse Events and Activities



### 4-H Sponsored Event or Activity

A sponsored 4-H event or activity must be developed under the direction of a UW CES employee. This includes:

- Organizational accountability
  - Participants are under the supervision of county educator OR official 4-H volunteer(s) approved by a county educator
  - Set rules and regulations
  - Manage and implement the event
    - Schedule the events
    - Obtain facilities
    - Provide insurance coverage
- Educational accountability
  - Use competent instructors
  - Utilize appropriate curriculum and/or research
  - Ensure appropriate education purpose
  - Conduct evaluation
- Financial accountability
  - Prepare budget
  - Establish and collect registration/participation fees
  - Pay the bills
  - Cultivate and foster donor support and relations
- Public accountability
  - Market event
  - Use appropriate media
  - Use 4-H name and clover emblem

EXAMPLES: County 4-H Camp, District 4-H Judging Contest, 4-H State Shoot, 4-H Showmanship Show, etc.

### **4-H Endorsed Event or Activity**

Other groups and organizations provide opportunities such as events, camps, clinics, and competitions. In some cases, their sponsorship or organizations have intentions that align with the positive youth development principles and processes of the 4-H program. Generally speaking, the success of their events/activities is an effect of 4-H's involvement in the planning and implementation of their event/activity. When 4-H is involved, this can be viewed as an endorsement to some degree or level.

4-H's endorsement includes:

- Organizational accountability
  - None (4-H is not accountable as an organization)
- Educational accountability
  - Use competent instructors
  - Utilize appropriate curriculum and/or research
  - Ensure appropriate education purpose
  - Evaluation
- Financial accountability
  - None
- Public accountability
  - Market event
  - Use appropriate media
  - Give permission to appropriately use 4-H name and clover emblem

Those events and activities, under the direction of the sponsoring organization, set eligibility policies, participation guidelines, rules, regulations, educational focus, etc. The educator may or may not have input regarding the aspects of the event and choose whether or not to endorse it. When an event or activity is endorsed by the 4-H program, it does not afford the members and leaders insurance coverage unless primary supervision and direction is given by a county educator or an officially appointed volunteer.

EXAMPLES: National Western Stock Show, Rodeo and Horse Show, Cowboy Youth Classic, Ak-Sar-Ben, NILE, Black Hills Stock Show, Wyoming State Winter Fair, prospect shows

### **Relationship with County Fair and Fair Board**

Fair board members are appointed by their county commissioners, and their mandate is to sponsor the county fair and manage fairground facilities. UW CES endorses the educational and youth components of the county fair. County 4-H educators should partner with the fair board to provide an optimal educational experience for 4-H youth members.

By endorsing the educational and youth components of county fair, Wyoming 4-H agrees to abide by rules, regulations, and deadlines established by a fair board. Educators may or may not be asked for input regarding these rules, regulations, and deadlines. Enforcement of the specific event rules, regulations, and deadlines is the responsibility of the sponsoring organization, and county educators may help accomplish these tasks (i.e. overseeing tagging deadlines, utilizing volunteers to be superintendents, training, etc.). If a fair board grants authority to a county educator or a 4-H volunteer over specific events or components of the county fair, resulting actions are outside the scope of the 4-H program. Superintendents or any other designees appointed by a fair board are fulfilling their duties under the direction of a fair board and are not making decisions on behalf of the 4-H program.

**EXAMPLE:** Animal possession dates, tagging dates, and fair entry dates are established by a fair board to ensure some degree of fairness at county fair shows. By endorsing county fair shows, 4-H educators encourage compliance with such dates for those youth who wish to participate in county shows.

Some 4-H youth may choose not to participate in county fair shows. Youth can still enroll in 4-H projects but do not have to comply with deadlines set by the fair board. (see also Enrollment)